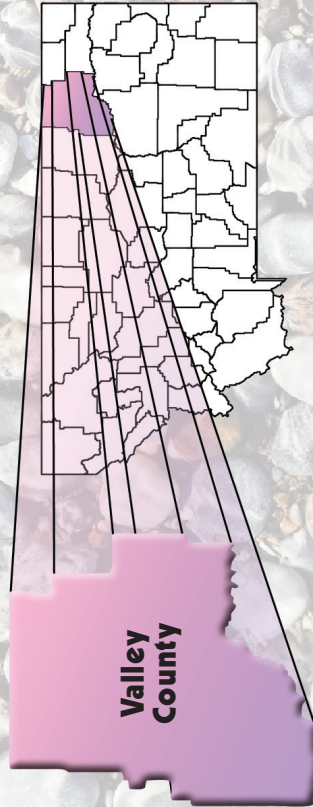




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# Valley County

## Demographic & Economic Information for



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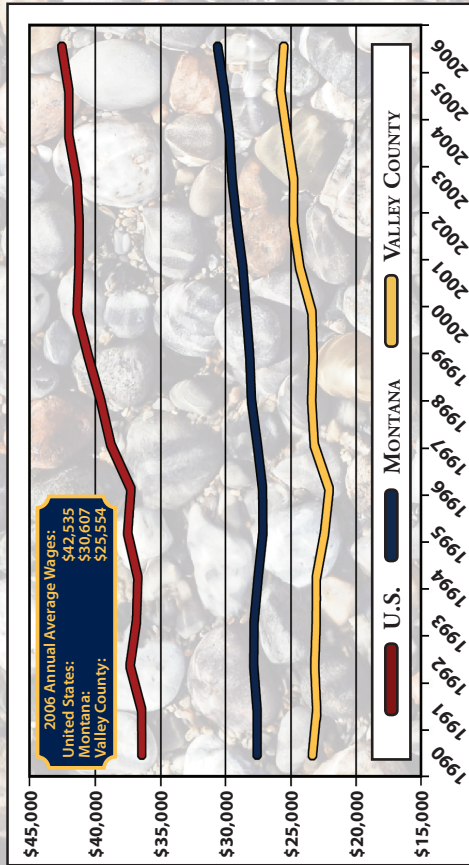
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## Annual Average Labor Force - Valley County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	3,582	3,473	109	3.0%
2005	3,604	3,468	136	3.8%
2004	3,710	3,562	148	4.0%
2003	3,768	3,621	147	3.9%
2002	3,675	3,525	150	4.1%
2001	3,724	3,571	153	4.1%
2000	3,852	3,681	171	4.4%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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## VALLEY COUNTY

Valley County is Montana's twenty-ninth most populous county, with an estimated 6,995 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Glasgow, the county seat, is the state's twenty-sixth largest city, with a population estimated at 2,960 in 2006.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Valley County include Fort Peck, Frazer, Glentana, Hinsdale, Nashua, Opheim, Richland, St. Marie, and Vandalia.

Valley County encompasses the vast majority of Fort Peck Lake, which offers visitors 1,600 miles of shoreline, 12 public recreation areas with camping and picnic facilities and boat ramps, the Fort Peck Dam Interpretive Center and Museum, and the Fort Peck Warm Water Fish Hatchery. Fort Peck Lake, Montana's largest body of water, encompasses the million acre Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, where visitors may view elk, mule deer, red fox, coyotes, and an abundance of songbirds.<sup>2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

<sup>2</sup>[www.comehome montana.org/viewinfo.php?town=glasgow](http://www.comehome montana.org/viewinfo.php?town=glasgow)

<sup>3</sup>[www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=18&city=glasgow](http://www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=18&city=glasgow)

## Resources for Valley County

### Chamber of Commerce

Glasgow Area Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 832, Glasgow, MT 59230  
Ph: (406) 228-2222  
E-mail: [chamber@glasgowmt.net](mailto:chamber@glasgowmt.net)  
[www.glasgowmt.net](http://www.glasgowmt.net)

### Job Service Workforce Center

Northeast Montana Job Service  
74 Fourth Street North  
Glasgow, MT 59230  
Ph: (406) 228-9369  
Fax: (406) 228-8793  
<http://wvsd.dli.mt.gov/local/glasgow>

### Economic Development

Two Rivers Economic Growth  
74 Fourth St. N., Glasgow, MT 59230  
Ph: (406) 228-3937

MSU- Valley County  
Extension Service  
501 Court Square, Box 12  
Glasgow, MT 59230-2423  
Ph: (406) 228-6241  
Fax: (406) 228-9027

### Newspaper

The Glasgow Courier  
341 Third Avenue South  
Glasgow, MT 59230  
Ph: (406) 228-9301  
[www.glasgowcourier.com](http://www.glasgowcourier.com)

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Support activities for transportation	3	5	\$15,114
INFORMATION	4	65	\$34,500
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	14	145	\$33,089
Credit intermediation & related activity	6	122	\$33,042
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	2	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	6	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	19	64	\$29,877
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	9	35	\$13,508
Administrative and support services	8	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	24	513	\$27,645
Ambulatory health care services	10	*	*
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	7	153	\$18,192
Social assistance	6	84	\$17,409
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	12	53	\$10,457
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	11	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	29	270	\$8,827
Accommodation	6	85	\$11,637
Food services and drinking places	23	184	\$7,527
OTHER SERVICES	32	78	\$13,794
Repair and maintenance	11	28	\$18,514
Personal and laundry services	3	9	\$20,708
Membership associations & organizations	14	34	\$7,382
Private households	4	7	\$16,590
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	46	734	\$31,370
Local Government	20	480	\$23,297
State Government	10	97	\$33,570
Federal Government	16	157	\$54,753

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	313	2,708	\$25,551
TOTAL PRIVATE	267	1,974	\$23,387
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	6	46	\$16,642
Animal production	4	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	2	*	*
MINING	2	*	*
UTILITIES	6	35	\$46,928
CONSTRUCTION	30	112	\$25,741
Construction of buildings	12	47	\$21,941
Heavy and civil engineering construction	6	18	\$31,657
Specialty trade contractors	13	47	\$27,255
MANUFACTURING	8	70	\$24,972
Food manufacturing	3	12	\$9,430
Printing and related support activities	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	13	134	\$28,352
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	5	78	\$36,653
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	5	51	\$16,749
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	3	5	\$16,224
RETAIL TRADE	47	295	\$19,873
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	11	51	\$22,636
Furniture and home furnishings stores	3	10	\$19,891
Electronics and appliance stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	7	36	\$23,169
Food and beverage stores	6	80	\$22,015
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	5	26	\$13,187
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	4	10	\$9,605
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	2	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	4	10	\$6,326
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	8	25	\$42,429
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	3	3	\$17,546
Pipeline transportation	1	*	*

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

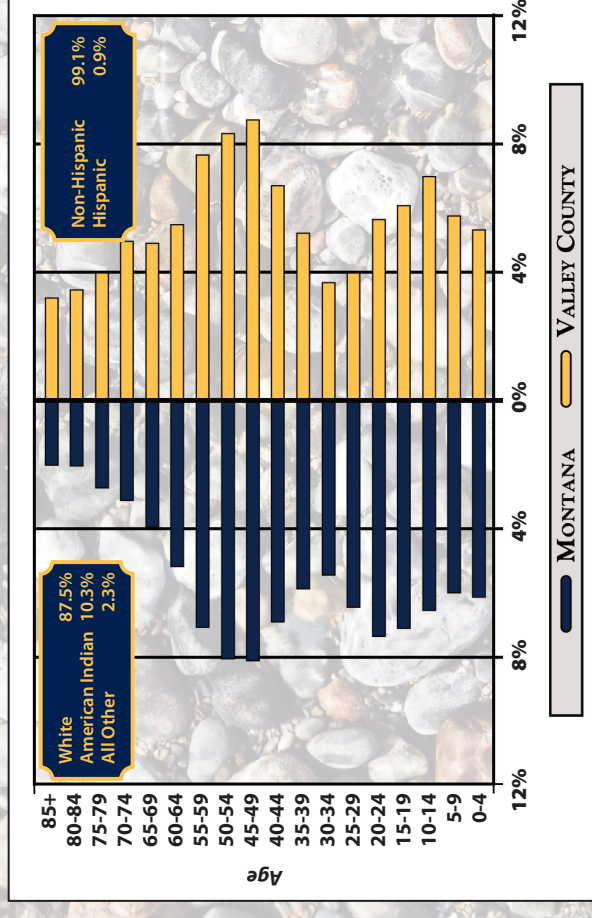
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## Population for Valley County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census April 1, 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	
Valley County	-8.9%	6,995	7,144	7,243	7,299	7,397	7,533	7,639	7,675
Fort Peck town	-7.1%	223	228	231	228	231	235	239	240
Glasgow city	-9.0%	2,960	3,019	3,073	3,096	3,137	3,193	3,238	3,253
Nashua town	-8.9%	296	303	306	309	313	319	324	325
Opheim town	-9.0%	101	103	104	105	107	109	110	111
Balance of Valley County	-8.8%	3,415	3,491	3,529	3,561	3,609	3,677	3,728	3,746

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Valley County, 2006



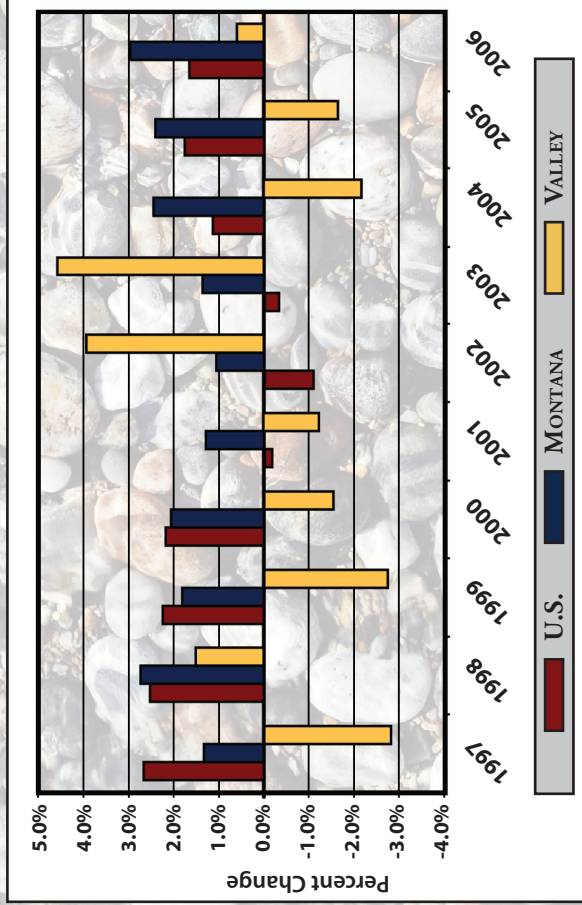
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Valley County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	16.1%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	39.7%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	21.8%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.7%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	11.4%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	3.2%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.0%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.1%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Valley County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 10 Private Employers in Valley County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertsons	4	Hi-Line Home Programs	4
Cottonwood Inn	5	Home Care Services	4
Farm Equipment Sales Inc	4	Nemont Telephone Cooperative	4
First Community Bank	5	Pamida	4
Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital	6	Valley View Home	5

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Valley County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	743
Land in farms (acres)	2,051,667
Average size of farms (acres)	2,761
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	373
1,000 acres or more	370
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	568
\$100,000 or more	175
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	680
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	63

### Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	81,852
Hogs and pigs	512
Sheep and lambs	4,800
Horses and ponies	1,146
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	367
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	(D)
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,200
Wheat for grain, All	304,374
Winter wheat for grain	837
Durum wheat for grain	15,769
Spring wheat for grain	287,768
Barley for grain	10,556
Oats for grain	3,214
Sunflower seed, All	(D)
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	88,600

### Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	542
Other	201
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	514
Not on farm operated	229
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	160
10 years or more	583
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	329
55 years and over	414
Average age of operators: (number)	57.1

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
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